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SUBJ: DAYAN LINKS OPPOSITION TO INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH JERUSALEM

TERRORIST INCIDENT

SUMMARY. FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN HAS PUT HIMSELF IN FOREFRONT OF OPPONENTS WITHIN LABOR ALIGNMENT TO INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. SPEAKING IN KNESSET JULY 7, DAYAN REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT ISRAEL SHOULD NOT CEDE PASSES AND OILFIELDS WITHOUT NON-BELLIGERENCY COMMITMENT FROM EGYPT, LINKING THIS TO FACT THAT EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB STATES CONTINUE TO FIGHT ISRAEL AND HAVE GIVEN FULL SUPPORT AT RABAT TO PLO WHICH HAD TAKEN CREDIT FOR JULY 4 JERUSALEM TERRORIST INCIDENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF DAYAN'S REMARKS AS REPORTED BY HAARETZ JULY 8.

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2. BEGIN TEXT. THE SUBJECT ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING

CONDUCTED NOW IS NOT THE PASSES OR OIL, NOR AN INTERVAL OF THREE OR THREE AND A HALF YEARS. THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS NOW -- TO CITE KISSINGER HIMSELF -- (IS) IF ISRAEL DOES NOT DO SUCH AND SUCH, THE ARABS WILL RENEW THE WAR AGAINST HER.

3. THE QUESTION WHICH CONFRONTS US TODAY, MORE THAN IT HAS DONE THROUGHOUT THE 26 YEARS - AND I AM SAYING THIS IN A POSITIVE SENSE, NOT A NEGATIVE ONE - IS THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CESSATION OF BELLIGERENCY. I WISH WE COULD HAVE REACHED THE POINT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE. BUT AFTER 26 YEARS, AFTER THE FIRST AGREEMENT - THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IN 1949 - THE MOST INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS ON THE SUBJECT OF "CESSATION OF BELLIGERENCY," AND THIS IS A YARD-STICK, THE ONLY CRITERION FOR WHAT WE HAVE TO STRUGGLE, WE HAVE TO TRY AND ENSURE FOR OURSELVES THE RESULTS AND THE MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE END OF THE WAR, THE CESSATION OF BELLIGERENCY, EITHER IN THE MOST ACTIVE WAY OF A PEACE AGREEMENT, OR AT LEAST IN A PASSIVE FORM OF A CESSATION OF BELLIGERENCY, BUT WE MUST NOT GET INTO A SITUATION THAT IN ONE, OR TWO OR THREE YEARS - ON THIS SUBJECT WE SHOULD HAVE TO RESUME THE STRUGGLE, WHEN OUR CONDITIONS TO FIGHT ARE SO MUCH WORSE, BOTH AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS A MILITARY ALTERNATIVE. TO THIS - (I SAY) NO* THIS - WE WON'T GET INTO NOW.

4. I FOR ONE DO NOT BELIEVE IN "GAINING TIME." THE ARABS HAVE NOT PROCLAIMED AN ARMISTICE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL. WE ON OUR PART CANNOT AFFORD TO "GO ON VACATION" FROM THIS STRUGGLE. WE DO NOT NEED A MORE STRIKING EXAMPLE THAN THE ACT OF TERROR COMMITTED ON ZION SQUARE IN JERUSALEM ON FRIDAY. SOMEONE OUGHT TO HAVE FORESEEN THIS OR EXPECTED THIS. IN THIS STRUGGLE WE ARE OBLIGATED EVERY DAY AND ON EVERY SUBJECT TO GIVE OUR ANSWERS. THERE IS NO LULL, NO ARMISTICE (IT WOULD BE SHEER SHORTSIGHTEDNESS ON OUR PART) IN REALITY TO PROCLAIM AN INTERRUPTION OF THE BELLIGERENCY OF THE ARABS AGAINST US FOR THREE YEARS OR A YEAR OR A FORTNIGHT.

END TEXT.

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